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Fashion District Stakeholders,

As you know, there is a proposed Skid Row Neighborhood Council that will take in the northern border of the Fashion District BID if permitted. Several property owners in Historic, Fashion and Downtown Industrial attended the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners meeting yesterday to testify to the failure of proper notice and extreme limitations on voter engagement. The Commissioners chose not to take action.

Estela Lopez has sent the below email and attached document urging property owners to call Council member Huizar. There are talking points attached and his information is below. **Call or email the Councilmember TODAY.**

Please call me if you have questions. I'm in the office most of today at 213-488-1153 x 712

Thank you!

Rena

From: Estela Lopez
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 5:30 PM
To:
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Everyone,

Just a quick update on the meeting this afternoon at City Hall. This issue was before the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners. Thank you to each of you who were there in person to testify to the failure of proper notice and extreme limitations on voter engagement. All of your testimonies will now go into the public record together with the letter prepared by Rocky Delgadillo, and will form the basis for challenging the City's process thus far.

Rocky was there as well and testified on behalf of United Downtown LA, the organization that is representing YOU stakeholders in the proposed boundaries who believe they have been disenfranchised by this process.

In the end, the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners took no action. Their position is that they have no jurisdiction to postpone the election.

The next IMMEDIATE step is to call on Councilman Jose Huizar to support the community's call for a postponement of this election. Call or email the Councilmember TODAY. Below and attached are brief bullet points you can use. The Councilmember can be reached at 213-473-7014 and at jose.huizar@lacity.org.

The next and final community "town hall" meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 29 at 6pm**. It was announced today that the location for this meeting has changed. It will now take place at the headquarters of the **LA Community Action Network (LA CAN), 838 E. 6th Street**.

This is a serious campaign. At stake is your voice and your vote. If you have not already contributed, please make your checks payable to:

United Downtown Los Angeles LLC

Suggested talking points (also see attached):

- I am a business owner/property owner within the boundaries of the proposed Skid Row Neighborhood Council.
- I am extremely concerned about the lack of notice and numerous flaws in the process conducted thus far by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.
- I am one of a very large group of stakeholders who did not receive any information from the City about this proposal. We do not know what this means for us, who is for or against this proposal, or why this is being proposed.
- We are now learning that the election is April 6. We have also learned that the election will be held in one location for four hours. That is an impossible situation for the many persons affected by the outcome of this election.
- It seems to us that our right to be informed and our right to vote in a City election is being completely violated.
- This election must be suspended until such time that there is adequate information, notification and opportunity for all interested stakeholders to vote.

Cordially,

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